

statement shall also appear in a clearly readable manner with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed statement, for a period of at least 4 seconds."

SEC. 83. FILING OF REPORTS USING COMPUTERS AND FACSIMILE MACHINES.

Section 302(g) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 432(g)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6)(A) The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, may prescribe regulations under which persons required to file designations, statements, and reports under this Act—

"(i) are required to maintain and file them for any calendar year in electronic form accessible by computers if the person has, or has reason to expect to have, aggregate contributions or expenditures in excess of a threshold amount determined by the Commission; and

"(ii) may maintain and file them in that manner if not required to do so under regulations prescribed under clause (i).

"(B) The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, shall prescribe regulations which allow persons to file designations, statements, and reports required by this Act through the use of facsimile machines.

"(C) In prescribing regulations under this paragraph, the Commission shall provide methods (other than requiring a signature on the document being filed) for verifying designations, statements, and reports covered by the regulations. Any document verified under any of the methods shall be treated for all purposes (including penalties for perjury) in the same manner as a document verified by signature.

"(D) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall ensure that any computer or other system that they may develop and maintain to receive designations, statements, and reports in the forms required or permitted under this paragraph is compatible with any such system that the Commission may develop and maintain."

SEC. 84. AUDITS.

(a) RANDOM AUDITS.—Section 311(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" before "The Commission"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission may after all elections are completed conduct random audits and investigations to ensure voluntary compliance with this Act. The subjects of such audits and investigations shall be selected on the basis of criteria established by vote of at least 4 members of the Commission to ensure impartiality in the selection process. This paragraph does not apply to an authorized committee of a candidate for President or Vice President subject to audit under title VI or to an authorized committee of an eligible Senate candidate or an eligible House candidate subject to audit under section 522(a)."

(b) EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH CAMPAIGN AUDITS MAY BE BEGUN.—Section 311(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended by striking "6 months" and inserting "12 months".

SEC. 85. LIMIT ON CONGRESSIONAL USE OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(A) A Member of Congress shall not mail any mass mailing as franked mail during a year in which there will be an election for

the seat held by the Member during the period between January 1 of that year and the date of the general election for that Office, unless the Member has made a public announcement that the Member will not be a candidate for reelection to that year or for election to any other Federal office."

SEC. 86. AUTHORITY TO SEEK INJUNCTION.

Section 309(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)) is amended—

(1) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(13)(A) If, at any time in a proceeding described in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4), the Commission believes that—

"(i) there is a substantial likelihood that a violation of this Act is occurring or is about to occur;

"(ii) the failure to act expeditiously will result in irreparable harm to a party affected by the potential violation;

"(iii) expeditious action will not cause undue harm or prejudice to the interests of others; and

"(iv) the public interest would be best served by the issuance of an injunction,

the Commission may initiate a civil action for a temporary restraining order or a temporary injunction pending the outcome of the proceedings described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4).

"(B) An action under subparagraph (A) shall be brought in the United States district court for the district in which the defendant resides, transacts business, or may be found, or in which the violation is occurring, has occurred, or is about to occur."

(2) in paragraph (7), by striking "(5) or (6)" and inserting "(5), (6), or (13)"; and

(3) in paragraph (11), by striking "(6)" and inserting "(6) or (13)".

SEC. 87. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this title, an amendment made by this title, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this title, the amendments made by this title, and the application of the provisions of such to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 88. EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.

(a) DIRECT APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.—An appeal may be taken directly to the Supreme Court of the United States from any interlocutory order or final judgment, decree, or order issued by any court ruling on the constitutionality of any provision of this title or amendment made by this title.

(b) ACCEPTANCE AND EXPEDITION.—The Supreme Court shall, if it has not previously ruled on the question addressed in the ruling below, accept jurisdiction over, advance on the docket, and expedite the appeal to the greatest extent possible.

SEC. 89. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) CONTRIBUTORS.—Section 302(c)(3) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 432(c)(3)) is amended by striking "\$200" and inserting "\$50".

(b) DISBURSEMENTS.—Section 302(c)(5) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 432(c)(5)) is amended by striking "\$200" and inserting "\$50".

SEC. 90. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, the amendments made by, and the provisions of, this title shall take effect on January 1, 1997.

SEC. 91. REGULATIONS.

The Federal Election Commission shall prescribe any regulations required to carry out this title not later than 9 months after the effective date of this title.

TERRITORIES AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES LEGISLATION

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 4039

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.)

Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1804) to make technical and other changes to the laws dealing with the Territories and Freely Associated States of the United States; as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following new section:

"SEC. 9. BIKINI AND ENEWETAK MEDICAL CARE.

In fulfillment of the terms of Public Law 96-205 and section 103(h)(1) of Public Law 99-239, the Secretary of Energy shall include the populations of Bikini and Enewetak within its existing special medical care program in the Marshall Islands at the request of the local government and on a reimbursable basis.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BYRD (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4040

Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, supra; as follows:

On page 3, line 5, increase the amount by \$201,000,000.

On page 3, line 6, increase the amount by \$408,000,000.

On page 3, line 7, increase the amount by \$649,000,000.

On page 3, line 8, increase the amount by \$946,000,000.

On page 3, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,142,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$201,000,000.

On page 3, line 15, increase the amount by \$408,000,000.

On page 3, line 16, increase the amount by \$649,000,000.

On page 3, line 17, increase the amount by \$946,000,000.

On page 3, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,142,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,011,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,049,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,089,000,000.

On page 4, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,131,000,000.

On page 4, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$1,110,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$201,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$408,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$649,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$946,000,000.

On page 4, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,142,000,000.

On page 15, line 16, increase the amount by \$190,000,000.

On page 15, line 17, increase the amount by \$118,000,000.

On page 15, line 24, increase the amount by \$224,000,000.

On page 15, line 25, increase the amount by \$160,000,000.

On page 16, line 7, increase the amount by \$258,000,000.

On page 16, line 8, increase the amount by \$222,000,000.

On page 16, line 15, increase the amount by \$293,000,000.

On page 16, line 16, increase the amount by \$276,000,000.

On page 16, line 23, increase the amount by \$228,000,000.

On page 16, line 24, increase the amount by \$312,000,000.

On page 17, line 7, increase the amount by \$265,000,000.

On page 17, line 8, increase the amount by \$304,000,000.

On page 23, line 15, increase the amount by \$821,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$83,000,000.

On page 23, line 23, increase the amount by \$825,000,000.

On page 23, line 24, increase the amount by \$248,000,000.

On page 24, line 7, increase the amount by \$831,000,000.

On page 24, line 8, increase the amount by \$427,000,000.

On page 24, line 15, increase the amount by \$838,000,000.

On page 24, line 16, increase the amount by \$670,000,000.

On page 24, line 23, increase the amount by \$840,000,000.

On page 24, line 24, increase the amount by \$756,000,000.

On page 25, line 7, increase the amount by \$845,000,000.

On page 25, line 8, increase the amount by \$838,000,000.

On page 52, line 14, increase the amount by \$1,011,000,000.

On page 52, line 15, increase the amount by \$201,000,000.

On page 52, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,049,000,000.

On page 52, line 22, increase the amount by \$408,000,000.

On page 52, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,089,000,000.

On page 52, line 25, increase the amount by \$649,000,000.

On page 53, line 2, increase the amount by \$1,131,000,000.

On page 53, line 3, increase the amount by \$946,000,000.

On page 53, line 5, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 53, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,068,000,000.

On page 53, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,110,000,000.

On page 53, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,142,000,000.

MURKOWSKI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4041

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. SMITH) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 4022 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN, *supra*; as follows:

Strike all after the word "SEC." and insert: The Congress finds that—

(1) The Founding Fathers were committed to the principle of civilian control of the military;

(2) Every President since George Washington has affirmed the principle of civilian control of the military;

(3) Twenty-six Presidents of the United States served in the United States Armed Forces prior to their inauguration and none of them claimed the Presidency represented a continuation of their military service;

(4) No President of the United States prior to May 15, 1996, has ever sought relief from legal action on the basis of serving as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces;

(5) President Clinton is the subject of a sexual harassment lawsuit filed on May 6, 1994, in Federal District Court in Little Rock, Arkansas involving allegations about his conduct in May, 1991;

(6) On May 15, 1996, a legal brief filed on behalf of the President of the United States in the Supreme Court asserted the President of the United States may be entitled to the protections afforded members of the United States Armed Forces under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S.C. 501 et. al); and

(7) The purpose of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 is to enable members of the military services "to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the nation".

It is the sense of the Senate that the assumptions underlying this resolution include that the President of the United States should state unequivocally that he is not entitled to and will not seek relief from legal action under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and that he will direct removal from his legal brief any reference to the protections of the Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 26, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. on amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act [ICWA]. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to receive testimony regarding S. 1804, a bill to make technical and other changes to the laws dealing with the Territories and Freely Associated States of the United States, that I have introduced today. The hearing will also consider an amendment that I have also introduced that deals with medical care for Bikini and Enewetak Atolls in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. In addition to the legislative matters, the committee will also conduct an oversight into the law enforcement initiative in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. While the report from the Secretary of the Interior is overdue, I expect that it will be submitted in sufficient time for review and comment by the Northern Marianas prior to the hearing.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, it will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will take place in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call James P. Beirne, senior counsel to the committee at (202) 224-2564 or Betty Nevitt at (202) 224-0765.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 1996, to conduct a hearing on S. 1317, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, May 23 at 10 a.m. for a hearing on IRS oversight.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 10 a.m. to hold an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a hearing on pending legislation at 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 23, 1996. The hearing will be held in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to hold an open hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing to discuss encouraging return to work in the SSI and DI Programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Children and Families of